

Balderton Parish Council

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held in the Village Centre on Wednesday February 27th 2019 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Councillors Mrs Brooks (Chairman), Allen (Vice Chairman), Green, Mrs Newstead, Newstead, Scott and Ms White
with Head Groundsman Mr Brown and the Clerk.

3104 **Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Mrs Hurst, Mrs Lee, Page and Watt.

3105 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Mrs Brooks, as a serving member of Newark & Sherwood District Council, declared a personal interest to any issue relating to the District Council. Cllrs Mrs Newstead and Newstead declared a personal interest to minute reference 3109 – Allotment charges.

3106 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

3107 **Clerk/Chairman's Update**

A printed update of ongoing issues was circulated and noted; the update is published with the minutes. The following issues were discussed from the update:

1. **Re Minute 2243 Y.M.C.A. Lake Boating** Members agreed that the draft agreement which has now been received should initially be reviewed by the Lakeside Working Party.
2. **Re Minute 3090a Granby Drive Grassed Area** Members were informed of a further explanation given by the County Council as to why the authority cannot presently intervene regarding vehicles driving over the grass between Granby Drive and Priory Close.

3108 **Heron Way Car Park**

Further discussion was given to the preferred option to resurface the car park at Heron Way which is in need of improvement work. Two options have been suggested by a local contractor; either install a complete tarmac/asphalt surface (cost £35,950) or a road stone sub base that could receive an asphalt top dressing in the future (cost £8,200). Members agreed on balance that the preferred option is the tarmac surface and comparable alternative quotations will now be obtained for consideration. A request can now be submitted to County Cllr Walker who had advised he may be able to help with funding for this project, and C.I.L. reserves can also be utilised for this purpose.

3109 **Fees and Charges**

Members reviewed the Council's charges and fees for Sports, Cemetery and Allotments for 2019/20. It was,

- RECOMMENDED
- a) Football fees remain the same for adults, minis and casual games
 - b) Football fees for juniors and intermediates be amalgamated at one rate of £185 a season
 - c) Bowls charges remain the same
 - d) Cricket charges be increased to £1470 for the season
 - e) Burial fees be increased by 5% (rounded)
 - f) Memorial fees remain the same
 - g) Allotment rent be increased by 10% (rounded)

3110 **Café Tenancy**

Members of the Café Working Party had again met with REACH organisation representatives. The organisation has submitted a business plan to the charity's trustees and has indicated that the Café hope to be operational by the end of May 2019 if everything goes to plan. A degree of internal alteration works to the kitchen area will be necessary but the exact requirements are not yet known.

3111 **Mechanical Sprayer**

The Council is changing to a new regime of organic treatments for sports turf maintenance and consideration was given to the purchase of a pedestrian, mechanical sprayer to apply these treatments. A similar machine has historically been rented from a local contractor who provides the machine and his own labour but it would be more cost effective in the long term for the Council to have its own machine. It was,

RECOMMENDED that a 60 litre sprayer be purchased at a cost of £1495.80

3112 **Highway Faults**

The following faults/issues were raised and will be passed onto the relevant authorities:

- a) The pavement outside Manthorpe House is badly broken up and hazardous; this has previously been reported to the County Council and it has been inspected, but it will be referred again.
- b) There is a lot of rubbish and debris on Grange Lane; a street sweep/litter pick will be requested from the District Council.

3113 **Correspondence and Information**

The following items of information/correspondence have been received and were noted:

- a) A company has provided a price of £1050 +VAT to re-mark the play lines on the large Multi Use Games Area (M.U.G.A.) which have faded with time. Members agreed to accept the quotation for the re-marking.
- b) Local artist Christine Goldschmidt was approached to enquire about designing an 'information map' for Lakeside, similar to one that was produced recently of Newark Town. Ms Goldschmidt estimates that the artwork will cost £167 for an A1 sized watercolour for which the Council would have usage rights and permission to use for marketing purposes only. An 'Information Board' for the Lakeside area has been under discussion for several years and the map could be mounted on a lectern style board for this purpose. Members agreed to accept the quotation and proceed with this option.
- c) Notice that Hollowdyke Lane from the junction of Coddington Road to Spring Drive will be closed from March 15th until August 31st 2019 for carriageway improvements and a new housing site access. Coddington Road from Fen Lane to Hollowdyke Lane and Main Street from Vicarage Gardens to Hollowdyke Lane will be closed from April 1st to May 22nd for the Severn Trent Sewer Project Work.
- d) An e-mail complaining about alleged tree root damage from Lime Trees in the Churchyard to an outbuilding floor of a property on Pinfold Lane. The Council's insurance company has advised that the complainant needs supported evidence to demonstrate why he believes the tree roots are the cause of the damage.
- e) A formal Tree Survey has been undertaken at Lakeside, Mount Road Cemetery and St. Giles Churchyard by arboricultural company 'Symbiosis' of Leicestershire. The last formal tree survey was undertaken five years ago. Any 'urgent' works are being, or already have been, addressed, with the work being undertaken 'in house' wherever possible. A price is awaited to re-pollard a Lime Tree in the Churchyard which will require a traffic management order from the County Council owing to the close proximity of the tree to the public highway. Planning permission is being sought from the District Council for this work as the tree is in the village Conservation Area.

3114 **Future Agenda Items**

Cllr Newstead asked that consideration be given to installing a further litter bin at Lakeside in the Catkin Way area. Members considered that this would be useful and Mr Brown undertook to check if there is a suitable basket style receptacle in stock.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.05pm.